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RESPONSE TO
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Sir:

Further to the Office communication mailed August 5, 2003, and supplemental to applicant's response mailed June 23, 2003, enclosed is a Letter to the Official Draftsperson submitting ten sheets of formal drawings that have been corrected in accordance with the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review accompanying the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003.

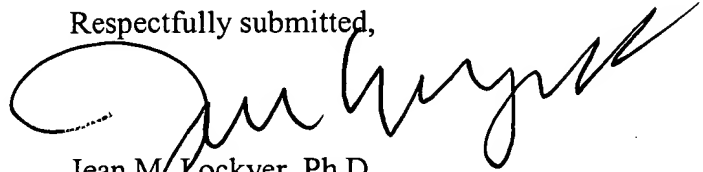
Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment mailed June 23, 2003, be entered.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference will expedite prosecution, please
telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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